

REPORTING CHANGES FOR CASH AID AND FOOD STAMPS

CASE NAME:

CASE NUMBER:

WORKER:

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If you receive Cash Aid, what you MUST report even when it is not your report month.

Anytime your family's combined gross monthly income, both earned and unearned, is more than the Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) for your family size, you must report this information to the County within ten (10) days. You can report this information to the County by calling your worker or reporting it in writing.

Your family size is _____ your IRT is \$ _____.

The County will let you know each time your IRT changes.

Gross income means the amount of your income before any deductions, such as taxes, Social Security and retirement contributions, overpayment collections, wage garnishments or attachments, etc.

Failure to report when your income is more than the IRT limit for your family's size may result in your benefits being overpaid. Any overpaid benefits caused by your failure to report **MUST** be repaid. You may also be subject to fraud charges/penalties if you do not report required information to the County.

How to figure your family's gross income.

Each month, add all of your family's income both earned and unearned (wages or earnings, salary, disability income, unemployment, public benefits, etc.). If the total is more than the amount shown on this letter, you must report this income to the County. Families that only have unearned income or that only get Food Stamps will not be required to report income except on the Quarterly Report form.

If you receive Cash Aid, you MUST also report this information even when it is not your report month.

- Anyone in your household who has been convicted of a drug-related felony for possession, use or distribution of a controlled substance(s), has become a fleeing felon or is in violation of a condition of probation or parole and you have not already reported it.
- Anytime you have an address change, you must report your new address to the County.

If you receive Food Stamps, you MUST report this information even when it is not your report month.

- If you are an Able Bodied Adult Without Dependents (ABAWD) Food Stamp recipient, you must report anytime the number of hours you work or are in training drop to less than 20 hours a week or 80 hours a month.
- Anytime you have an address change, you must report your new address to the County.

Voluntarily reporting information

You may report changes to the County anytime you think the change will result in your Cash Aid or Food Stamp benefits going up. For example.

- Your income stops or goes down;
- Someone who has income has moved out of your home;
- Someone moves into your home and has no income;
- Your minor child becomes pregnant and is eligible for Cal-Learn services;
- CalWORKs special needs that you or someone in your household may have such as, pregnancy special needs, a special diet prescribed by a doctor, etc;
- The birth of a child;
- For Food Stamps: Anyone in your household who is disabled or age 60 or older may report new medical costs that are not currently being used to figure your Food Stamp benefits.

At anytime, you can also ask the County to discontinue your entire case or any individual person who leaves the home or is not required to be in the assistance unit. You can also ask the County to stop other benefits, such as: Medi-Cal or Food Stamps. Receiving Medi-Cal and/or Food Stamps only will not count against your Cash Aid time limits.